

NOW IS THE TIME

We live in troubling times, with wars, poverty, hunger, economic woes, health scares and more. So what now?

Believe this: that through the blood of Christ and the working of the Holy Spirit, Christians will have the victory.

A pastor who worked in a city's poverty-stricken area was asked how his work was going. He answered: "It is a hand-to-mouth existence: God's hand providing for our mouths." So it may be for many churches and people today. But God promises to see us through.

Martin Luther said, "Since it is God's nature to make something out of nothing, we must become nothing before God can make something out of us."

The NEWSLETTER Newsletter

WHAT GOD CAN DO WITH NOTHING

Adelaide A. Pollard, a 20th-century poet, made the same point in the hymn "Have Thine Own Way":



Have thine own way,
Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter, I am the
clay.

Mold me and make me after thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

The NEWSLETTER Newsletter

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sat. (9 th)	8:00	Un-decorating of the Church
	9:00	FLS Brd. Retreat (Fellowship Hall)
	5:30	Worship Service (C)
Sun. (10 th)	8:00	Worship Service (C)
	9:15	Adult Bible Study/ Sunday School
	10:30	Worship Service
Mon. (11 th)	1:30	Bible Bowl Practice
	7:00	Trumps' Bible Study
	8:30	Staff Mtg.
Tue. (12 th)	8:30	Staff Mtg.
	4:15	Community Cathedral Café
	6:30	LLB Mtg.
Wed. (13 th)	8:30	FLS Chapel
	9:00	Quilting
	2:30-4:40	FLS Staff mtg.
Thu. (14 th)	6:00	Connection Practice
	6:30	Handbells
	6:30	Confirmation
Thu. (14 th)	WINKEL (Good Shepherd, Owatonna)	
	3:30-5:30	Drive Up Communion
	6-9:30	AHG Girl Leadership Team
Fri. (15 th)	1:40-2:15	FLS Mentoring
Sat. (16 th)	5:30	Worship Service
Sun. (17 th)	8:00	Worship Service— Installation of Office
	9:15	Adult Bible Study / Sunday School
	10:30	Connection Service (C)
	1:30	Bible Bowl Practice

Trinity News of the Week

January 9 & 10, 2021

Trinity Lutheran Church
Faribault, MN 55021

Thoughts on Our Memory Verse

- by Kristin Sellentine

"For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart." Hebrews 4:12

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How different is our word from God's word! Our word, when we give it, is limited by our character (Do you ever just get suspicious when certain people say, "Trust me"?) and our ability to follow through. (Even with the best of intentions, we can fail to keep a promise.) God's word is true and reliable and powerful, because He is true and reliable and powerful.



It is clear in this verse that there are no gray areas to God; there is good or evil, right or wrong, saved or unsaved, God's way or the highway...

Like a machete, God's word will hack a path for us to follow through the jungle of life. (Or like Rudolph's nose, it will cut through the murkiest storm they can dish out.)

In the Hebrew world, a person's word was equated with the person. This is most evident in John 1:14a – "And *the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...*" The word of God introduces us to the Word that is God.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL READINGS

Mon. 1/11: Psalm 18:1-6	Thu. 1/14: Psalm 139:1-10
Tue. 1/12: I John 4:7-19	Fri. 1/15: John 2:1-11
Wed. 1/13: John 14:15-27	Sat. 1/16: Eph. 5:22-33

Devotions will be posted on our various platforms (Facebook, YouTube, Trinity Radio and Video club



Online Devotional

site, etc.). Especially on Facebook, be sure to share these devotion opportunities with your family and friends as we seek to get God's Word out to many!



Crystal, Nevaeh, Cameron, Giovanni and Braxton came to our first practice on January 3. We covered Romans 1 - 2. It was full of spiritual blessings and lots of fun! Won't you, in grades 7 - 10, join them on the 10th? You'll be glad you did. See you then!

A big thank you to Nancy Boldt and Marilyn Simonson who decorated the votive candles in the candle sets for Christmas Eve. 35 candle sets were distributed to families. Thanks for sharing your talents with so many!



- Serving Trinity Lutheran Church and Faribault Lutheran School -

Rev. Paul Rieger, Senior Pastor Rev. Tyler Werner, Associate Pastor

Rev. Robert Snyder, Pastor Emeritus Rev. Gatluk Reat, Sudanese Evangelical Lutheran Mission Church
Bill Kirkpatrick, Finance/Property Manager Nancy Simonson, Family Ministry Jennifer Kingland, Office Manager
Chrysteena Saehler, FLS Interim Principal Jessica Lewis, FLS Administrative Secretary

Worship Broadcasts: Radio (KDHL 920 AM) Sunday at 8:00am Livestream: www.trinityradioandvideo.org 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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EVANGELISM & OUTREACH

In Our Prayers for Strength, Comfort, and Healing...

Brenda; Sue Anderson; Verna Bahl; DeeAnn Bartkey; Mandy Blume; Don Dugan; Judy Fairclough; Gary Kittleson; Daniel McCloskey; Edward Morison; Denise O'Rouke; Cinda Peterson; Mason Prebble; Bob Reineke; Fred Rieger; Shirley Rockman; Lou Rolf; Scott Rost; Ray Sanders; Jim Schmidtke; Nancy Schultz; Esther Sipult; Kay Smith; Patty Stonehouse; Gene Trench; Kristine Uter; Jim Velzke

Prayers for those whose names we carry in our hearts.

For emergencies and after-hour prayer requests, please call one of our pastors:

✝ Rev. Paul Rieger, 636-751-4784
✝ Rev. Tyler Werner, 715-203-2904

The Radio Broadcast this Sunday is given in loving memory of Hank Velzke by his wife Mary Ellen Velzke.

STEWARDSHIP

The Installation of our Elders, Lay Leadership Board, FLS Board, and 2nd Century Trust Fund Board members, will be held Sunday, January 17, 2021, during the 8:00 a.m. service. Thank you for serving!



Lay Leadership Board:

- ◆ Brian Anderson
- ◆ Barbara Beatty (*newly elected*)
- ◆ Jeff Blume, Chair
- ◆ Jim Boldt
- ◆ Deb Malmanger
- ◆ Mitch Miller (*newly elected*)
- ◆ Penny Reichert (*Secretary, newly elected*)

FLS Board:

- ◆ Howard Bode (*finishing V. Meintsma's term*)
- ◆ Sara Hewitt (*finishing M. Nelson's term*)
- ◆ Anna Meyer (*newly elected*)
- ◆ Angela Swanson

Elders:

- ◆ Brian Fuchs
- ◆ Jacob Langeslag
- ◆ Wayne Meyer
- ◆ Steve Mullenex
- ◆ Mark Prieve
- ◆ William Scurry
- ◆ Brad Twedt
- ◆ Mike Young

2nd Century Board:

- ◆ Barb Beatty, Treasurer
- ◆ Bob Sommers
- ◆ Brad Twedt (*newly elected*)
- ◆ Carl Vollbrecht
- ◆ Barbara Wegner

Special thanks to those who previously served:

- ◆ Joanne Cross—LLB
- ◆ Noel Handberg—LLB
- ◆ Carl Vollbrecht—LLB
- ◆ Barbara Caron—FLS Brd.
- ◆ Vernon Meintsma—FLS Brd.
- ◆ Marilyn Nelson—FLS Brd.
- ◆ Howard Bode—2nd Century

2020 Year End Giving Statements are available in your Fellowship Hall mailboxes. Please save the church postage and pick yours up today. Questions: contact Jennie in the church office.

WORSHIP



Drive up communion will continue Thursday, January 14 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Please come to the West side parking lot at Trinity and Pastor Rieger and/or Pastor Tyler will conduct a short communion service with you. No reservations are necessary.

If you would like private Confession & Absolution with one of our pastors and / or private communion, feel free to call Pastor Rieger or Pastor Tyler to set up a time.

**THE LORD
ALSO HAS
PUT AWAY
YOUR SIN**
2 SAMUEL 12:13, ESV

COMMUNITY

Life Is a Gift



MN South District Life Ministry Update - March for Life Minnesota | January 22

Concordia University, St. Paul, will host a Life Chapel on Friday, January 22, at 10:30 a.m. at Graebner Memorial Chapel. After the service, those participating in the March for Life will meet at the grounds of the Minnesota State Capitol, with the march set to begin at 12:00 p.m.

If an in-person gathering cannot safely and legally take place because of COVID-19, a virtual March for Life will be held instead at the same time. Check the MCCL website for updates at mccl.org/march. Also check the CSP social responsibility guidelines at csp.edu.

Contact Pastor James Kroonblawd at pastor.kroonblawd@trinityloneoak.org for more information.

Convention Proposal LCMS President Matthew Harrison has put the following proposal before all LCMS congregations:

Shall the Synod add a year to the current 2019-2022 triennium, allowing districts to hold their conventions in either 2021 or 2022, and moving the upcoming national Synod Convention from 2022 to 2023? [Thereafter, the triennium cycle will continue forward from 2023 in three-year increments, as before (i.e., with district conventions held in 2025, 2028, etc., and Synod Conventions held in 2026, 2029, etc.).]

President Harrison's full letter is available at the Information Center, as well as FAQs about this proposal. All LCMS congregations will be asked to hold a voters meeting to vote on this proposal. Trinity's voter's meeting will be held sometime in January.

Watch for further information. In the meantime, please familiarize yourself with the proposal by taking home a handout from the information center.